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A. WITH SALES, RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON MILITARY SALES. REGARDING THE AID PROGRAM IN GENERAL, WE DO INDEED HOPE THAT WE CAN SIGN NEW AID AGREEMENTS WITH PAKISTAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AS YOU KNOW, OUR AID PROGRAM WAS UNDER REVIEW. THE NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT WAS ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH BROUGHT ABOUT THAT REVIEW.

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